

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Restoration Coordination Team
Conference call 06-06-07, 3:00pm CST

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1.) Updates on July Alliance “All Hands”

DP: Make your hotel reservations by June 11. Get all your other logistical information about the workshop from the Working Website in the Upcoming Events Section.

DS: AMT is calling the July meeting an all-hands implementation & integration “conference.” Break-out technical sessions could be considered “workshops.”

WW: What is the product from these workshops?

DS: The intent of the first working session on Tues. afternoon is to assess the status of actions in the action plan and to prioritize actions that haven’t advanced adequately. The teams will then report out on Wed. morning regarding plans to advance the GAP between now and Mar. 2009. Gauge our success, identify actions that need further planning and work in order to get it on track before the March 2009 initial deadline. There is also flexibility to be able to talk about the future beyond 2009 as well if there are actions that need to be developed.

CD: This aspect of the workshop should only take up the first half-day or so, so there will be time for focused discussions on action items during the working sessions after the closing plenary.

KB: Did we get enough input in Galveston on the R1-6 action to move on to another focused discussion?

KT: We need to wait on responses to the questionnaire from state folks before getting back to R1-6.

KB: Do the states have an idea of the next issue that we should tackle? R1-4,5 (regulatory and framework issues and streamlining) are still on the table. It seems like the streamlining issues in R1-5 are something that FL would like to talk about at their state-led meeting, so maybe R1-4 is what we should talk about in July.

CF: Yeah, we could work on R1-4 and get started

BR: Are the other states OK w/ that?

CF: What about R1-7 (public-private partnerships)?

WW: That’s definitely one to look at.

GD: At least the next 5 years through CIAP, there is a lot of money coming in to local governments, and those partnerships could be developed.

CF: Of the state leads, who can be there?

WW: I can be there through Wednesday. Tom and Kendall can't make it.

CF: I will not be there and Roy is having back surgery

DS: I will be there and Karen and Len as well.

JB: George Ramseur is the new lead for MS and should be there.

KB: R1-4, 5, 7 on the table. Is there a preference?

RR: Just joined in, I was out of town at a meeting.

KB: I think the streamlining issue came up through conversations with Marie Burns and some of the issues that are happening in FL and Randy wanted to make sure FL had people at the table.

RR: We also have a bunch of partnerships in FL as well that we could talk about as well, so we are open.

RR: Are we lining up speakers for the July meeting as well?

KB: That wasn't my understanding, but we certainly could if that's what we choose. It would be an added burden on you, though, Randy. I anticipated a discussion similar to the GAP implementation session in our last workshop.

RR: It wouldn't be difficult to get a few examples of innovative public private partnerships presented. Not worth the effort if the team isn't fully represented, though.

KB: Looks like we'll have four states through Wed. and three on Thurs. We had three out of five in TX and managed to make some headway, so I recommend proceeding. The GRSMMP has also discussed having a working session, so we could spend half of Thursday on R1-7 and half on the GRSMMP. Do state reps concur?

CF, RR, GD, TC: Sounds fine.

Meeting adjourned at ~5:15pm CDT.